

Official Hydrogen Supporter Air Liquide is supporting athletes ahead of the Olympic and Paralympic Games Paris 2024

Air Liquide is supporting six athletes ahead of the Olympic and Paralympic Games Paris 2024. As [Official Supporter in hydrogen of renewable origin for Paris 2024](#), Air Liquide is further strengthening its commitment by providing these athletes with financial support so that they can focus solely on their chosen discipline to have the best chance of qualifying for the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Air Liquide's athlete team now includes six athletes (three women and three men) from three different countries, and competing in five Olympic and Paralympic disciplines:

- ★ **Ezra Frech**: para athletics / American
- ★ **Kgothatso Montjane**: wheelchair tennis / South African
- ★ **Yohan Peter**: wheelchair fencing (épée) / French
- ★ **Margaux Rifkiss**: fencing (saber) / French
- ★ **Thibaut Rigau**: para triathlon / French
- ★ **Laura Tarantola**: rowing / French

The composition of this team of athletes, formed with the support of Air Liquide employees, reflects the values of diversity and inclusion promoted by the Group. Reflecting Air Liquide's global presence, the six athletes will meet with the Group's employees in France and internationally over the next few months to share their experiences and take part in events that embody sports values.

Air Liquide shares with these high-level athletes a mindset focused on performance, excellence, teamwork and a strongly-rooted belief that during these Olympic and Paralympic Games Paris 2024 "our greatest triumph will be achieved together".

François Jackow, Air Liquide's Chief Executive Officer, said: *"With just a few months to go before Paris 2024 and as a corporate citizen, it was important for Air Liquide to support the athletes who will be competing in the Games. This can only be a meaningful event if athletes from all walks of life and in all sports can take part in the Games with genuine peace of mind. To this end, it is vital that they have the resources and support they need to devote as much time and energy as possible to their sporting activities. Air Liquide teams are standing by their side as they strive to qualify!"*

Air Liquide and Paris 2024

In June 2023, Air Liquide became the Official Hydrogen Supporter of the Olympic and Paralympic Games Paris 2024 to help reduce the event's carbon emissions. The Group will provide hydrogen of renewable origin to power several hundred Toyota Mirai cars, part of Paris 2024's official fleet.

"Pacte Performance" - The French athletes supported by Air Liquide were selected in partnership with the Fondation du Sport Français as part of the Performance Pact. This initiative supports athletes in their journey.

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Ezra Frech
Born on May 11, 2005 us
Para athletics



Ezra Frech is an American Paralympic athlete and is on a mission to break the systemic barriers that exist for people with disabilities. Born with congenital limb differences, he competes in the high jump, long jump and sprint events. He recently won the gold medal in the T63 men's high jump event at the 2023 World Para Athletics Championships in Paris and holds the world record in this category.



Kgothatso Montjane
Born on June 3, 1986 ZA
Wheelchair tennis



Kgothatso Montjane is a wheelchair tennis player from South Africa. In 2018, she became the first black South African woman to play at Wimbledon. In 2023, she won the doubles title at Roland Garros and the US Open with Yui Kamiji. Having been named South Africa's Disabled Sportswoman of the Year three times, she will be taking part in her fourth Paralympic Games in 2024, following the Games in London, Rio and Tokyo.



Laura Tarantola
Born on June 8, 1994 FR
Rowing



Laura Tarantola is one of the best rowers in the world in her category. An impressive athlete, she has won the French Championship in the lightweight category fourteen times and was World Champion in 2018 in the individual category. She and her teammate Claire Bové regularly win World and European titles in lightweight double sculls. Together, they won silver medals at the Tokyo Olympics in 2021.



Margaux Rifkiss
Born on August 10, 1988 FR
Fencing (sabre)



Having won the silver medal in the team saber event in 2023 and the silver medal at the last World Championships, Margaux Rifkiss is one of France's best fencers. She is also a driven businesswoman who provides fencing training for nursing home residents.



Thibaut Rigaudeau
Born on September 4, 1990 FR
Para-triathlon



Thibaut Rigaudeau is one of France's greatest paratriathletes. In 2021, he took part in his first Paralympic Games in Tokyo and won the silver medal at the European Championships in the same year. In 2022 and 2023, he won the silver medal at the World Championships. Over the last 3 years, his performances have gone from strength to strength, which bodes well for the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games.



Yohan Peter
Born on August 10, 1988 FR
Wheelchair fencing
(épée)



A nurse care coordinator, Yohan discovered wheelchair fencing during an introductory course at a rehabilitation center in April 2016 at the age of 27. After impressive performances on the national circuit, he joined the international circuit in 2018. Currently ranked 3rd in the world, he won a silver medal at the 2022 European Championships in individual épée; he is now focusing on the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games.

A world leader in gases, technologies and services for Industry and Health, Air Liquide is present in 72 countries with approximately 67,800 employees and serves more than 4 million customers and patients. Oxygen, nitrogen and hydrogen are essential small molecules for life, matter and energy. They embody Air Liquide's scientific territory and have been at the core of the company's activities since its creation in 1902.

Taking action today while preparing the future is at the heart of Air Liquide's strategy. With ADVANCE, its strategic plan for 2025, Air Liquide is targeting a global performance, combining financial and extra-financial dimensions. Positioned on new markets, the Group benefits from major assets such as its business model combining resilience and strength, its ability to innovate and its technological expertise. The Group develops solutions contributing to climate and the energy transition – particularly with hydrogen – and takes action to progress in areas of healthcare, digital and high technologies.

Air Liquide's revenue amounted to more than 27.5 billion euros in 2023. Air Liquide is listed on the Euronext Paris stock exchange (compartment A) and belongs to the CAC 40, CAC 40 ESG, EURO STOXX 50, FTSE4Good and DJSI Europe indexes.